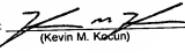


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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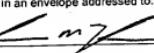
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